

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is allowed this privilege only if it serves the public interest. For Sinclair to foist this travesty on the American people for its own narrow political and financial gain is against the principles that the FCC ought to (and used to) defend. To think that a single small group or a single individual is allowed to abuse the airwaves in this way is frightening.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.